

SPIRE

# Archie's Sports Scene

by Al Hartley



RIVERDALE

# The Adventures of Archie and His Friends

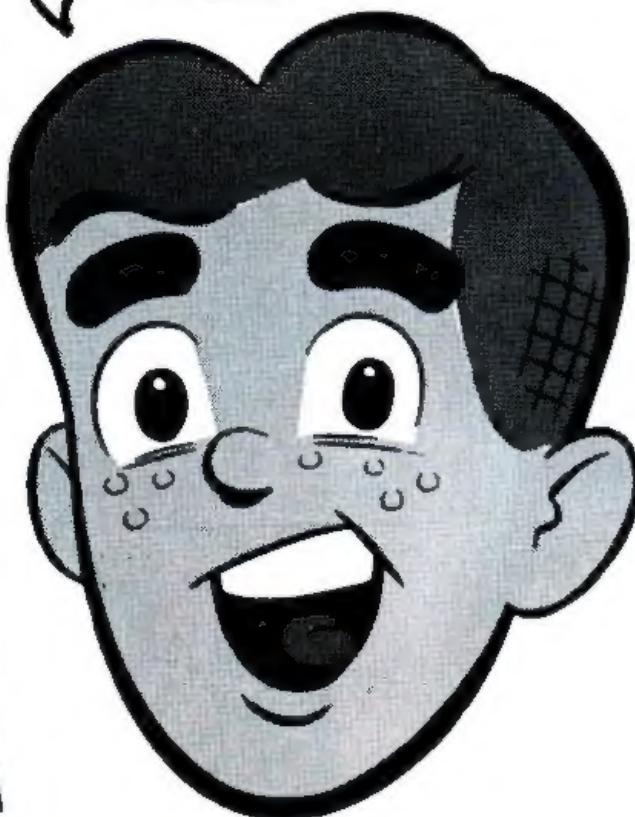
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# Archie

EMPTY  
CUP!



WHICH CUP  
DID YOU GET,  
ARCH?

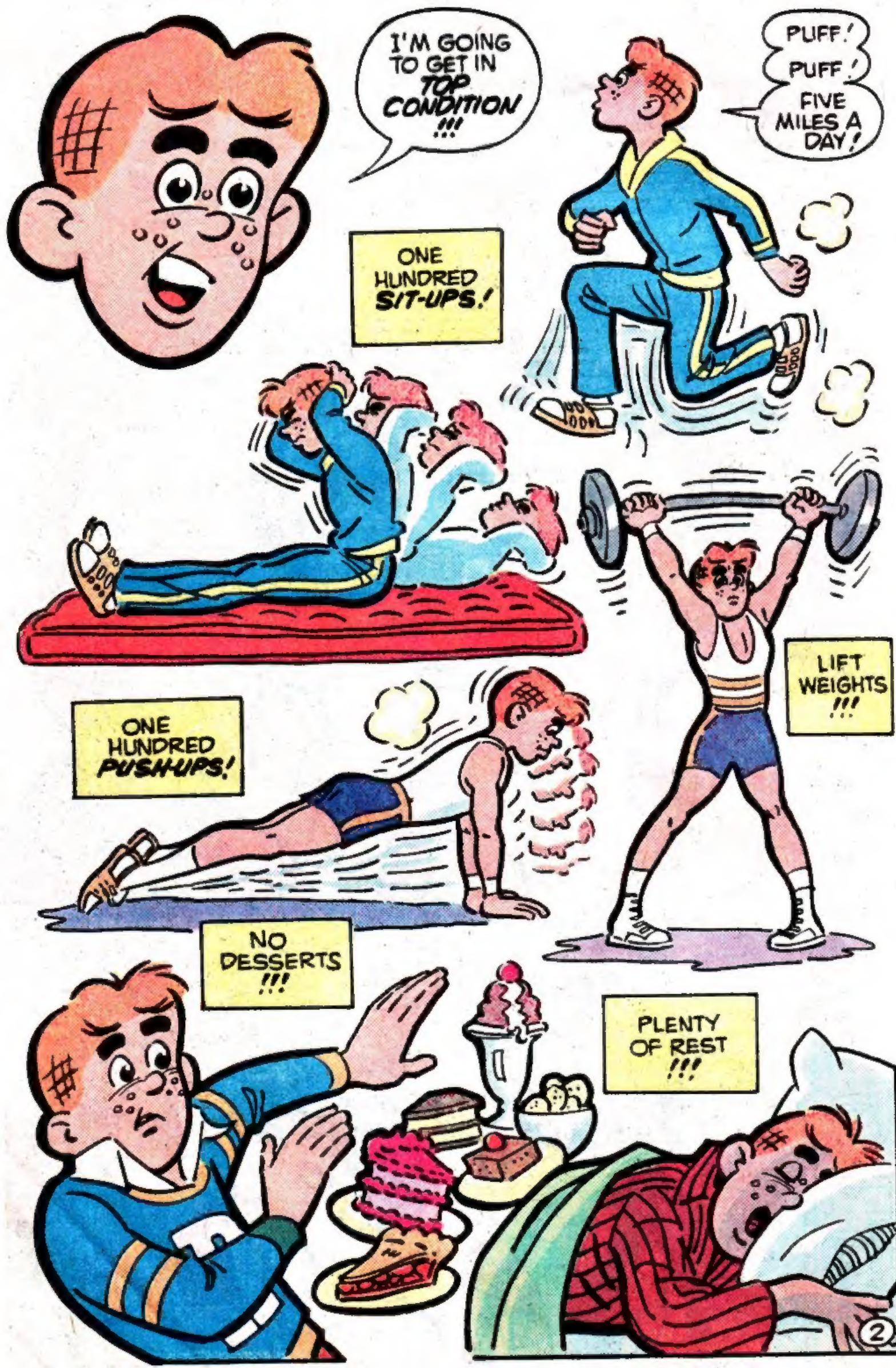
GASP!

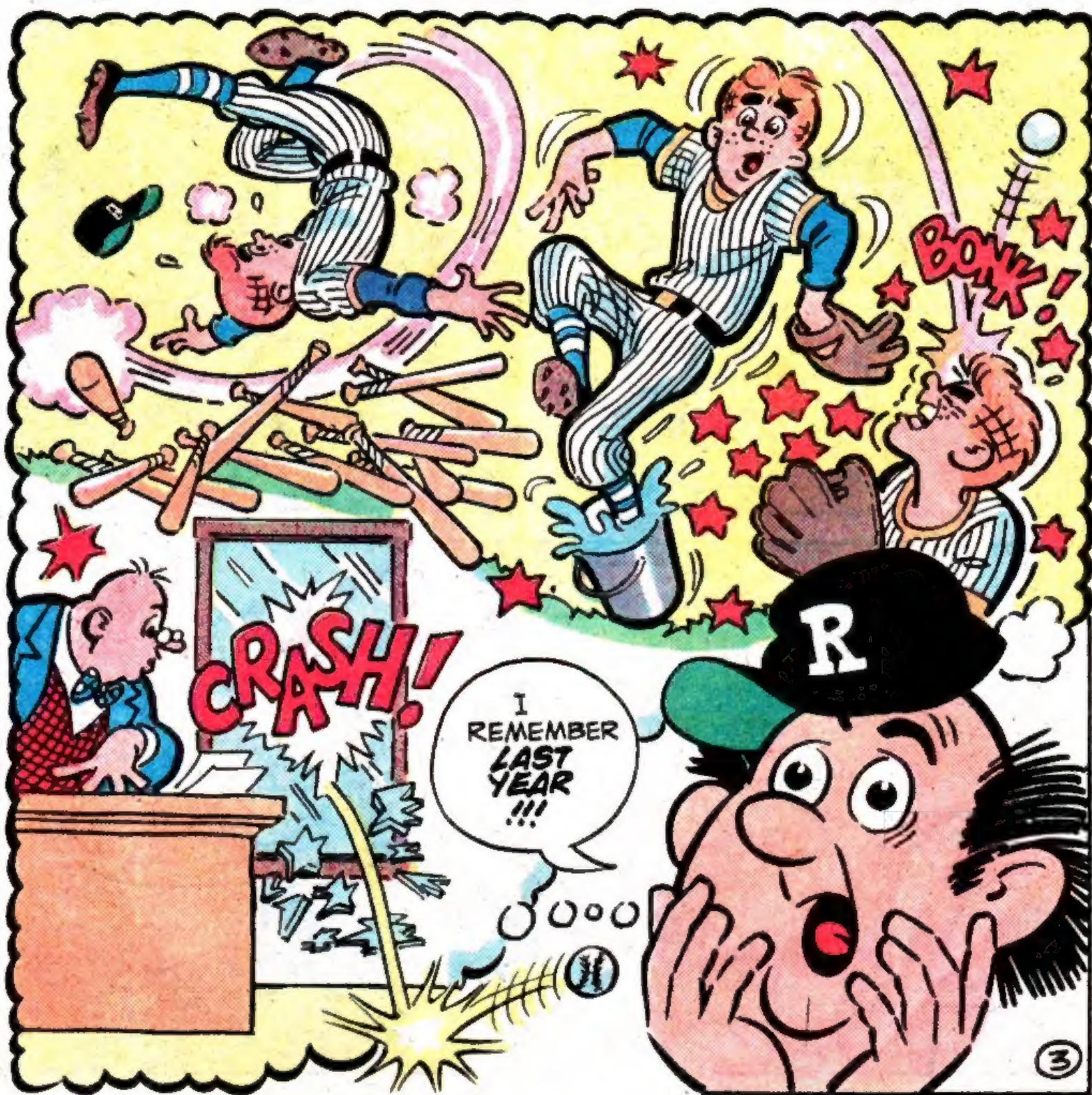
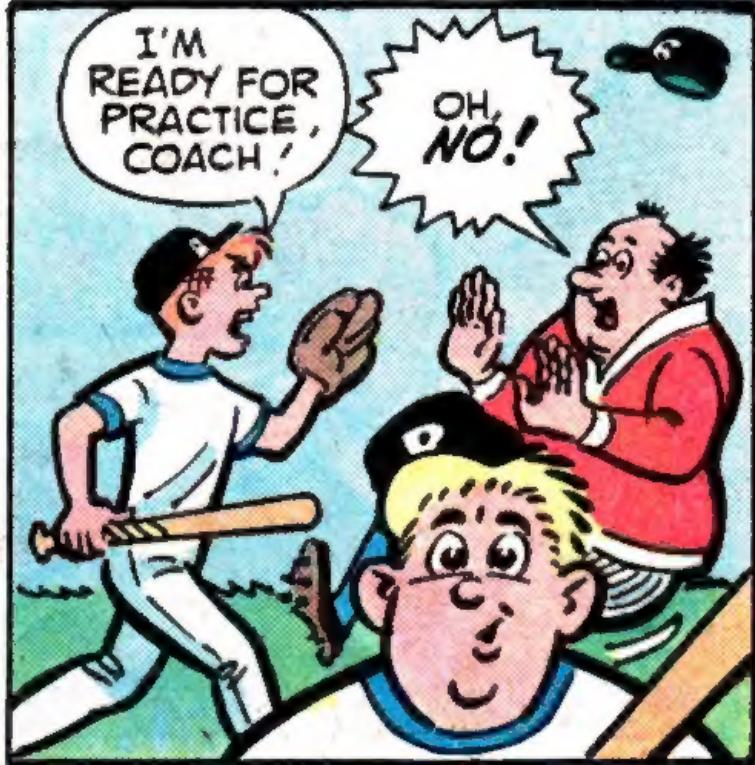


HMMPH !!!  
ARCHIE  
COULDN'T  
GET A  
**DIXIE CUP**  
AT A  
PICNIC!

WISE  
GUY !!!  
I'LL  
SHOW  
HIM !!!







PLEASE,  
COACH...

... GIVE ME  
ANOTHER  
CHANCE !

SIGH !

OKAY !

GO RUN  
LAPS WITH  
THE SQUAD  
!!!



B

HMM---  
HE  
HASN'T  
TRIPPED  
OVER HIS  
SHOE-  
LACES---

...YET !

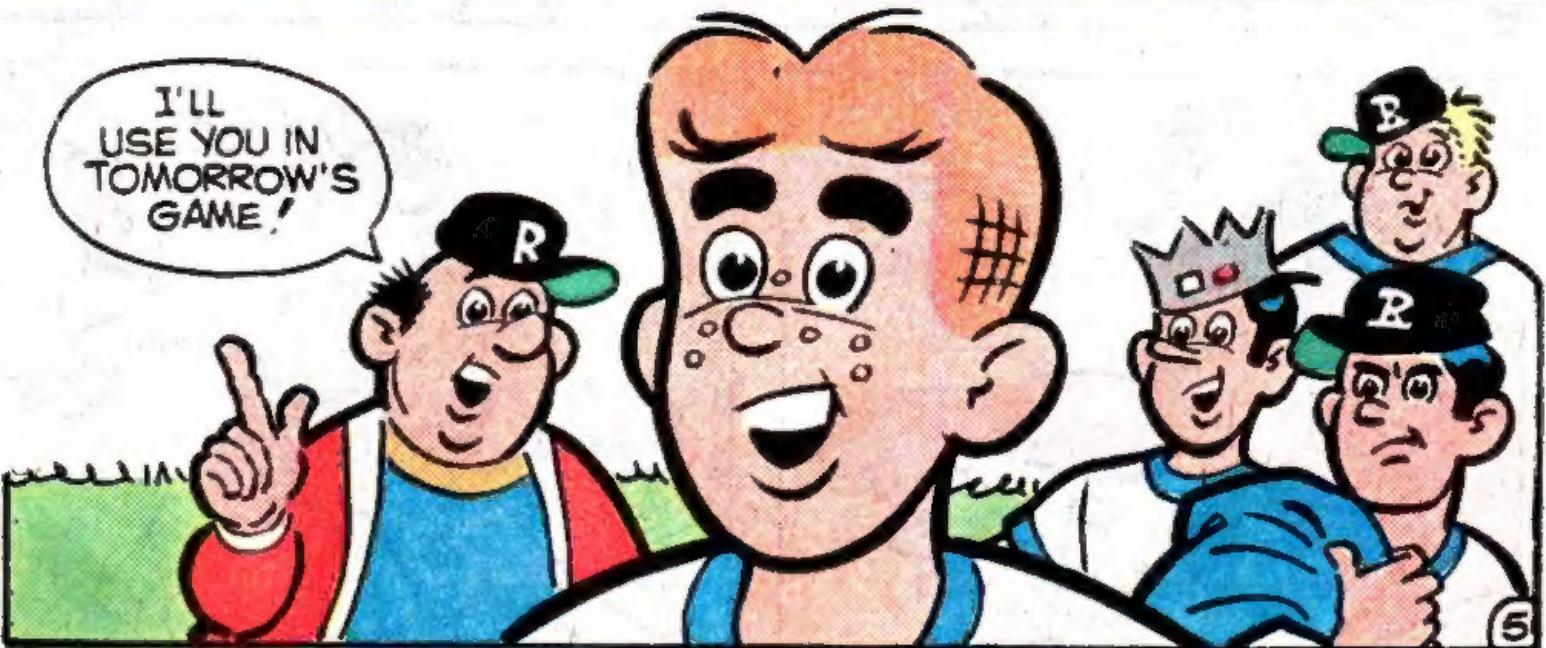
HE'S  
RUNNING  
NECK AND NECK  
WITH REGGIE !



HE'S  
DEVELOPED  
A GOOD  
SWING !

POW!





**YOU WON'T BELIEVE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT!**

# Archie

## SILLY SLUGGER!

THE BASES ARE LOADED!

TWO OUTS!!!

WE'RE BEHIND BY THREE RUNS!

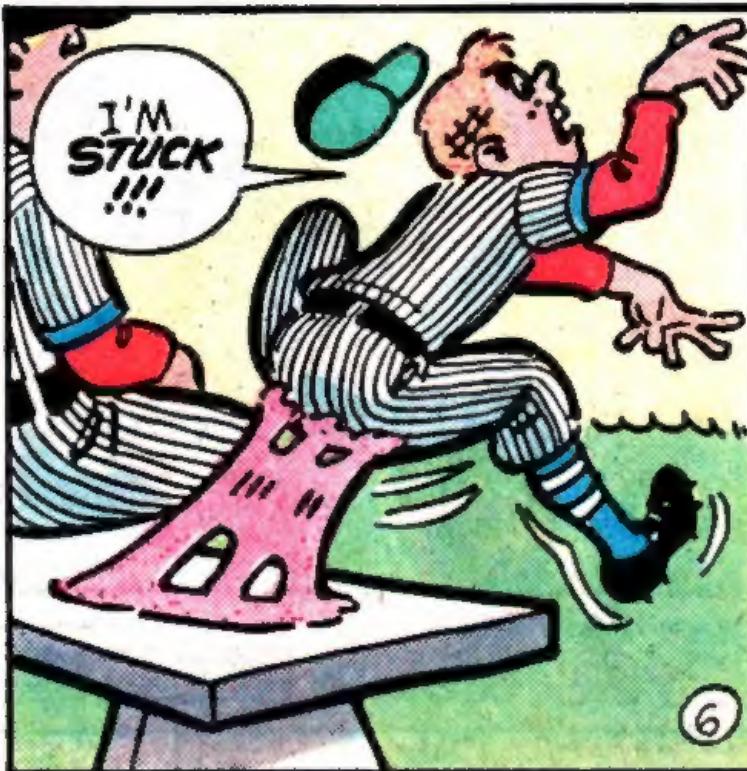
WHO'S UP?

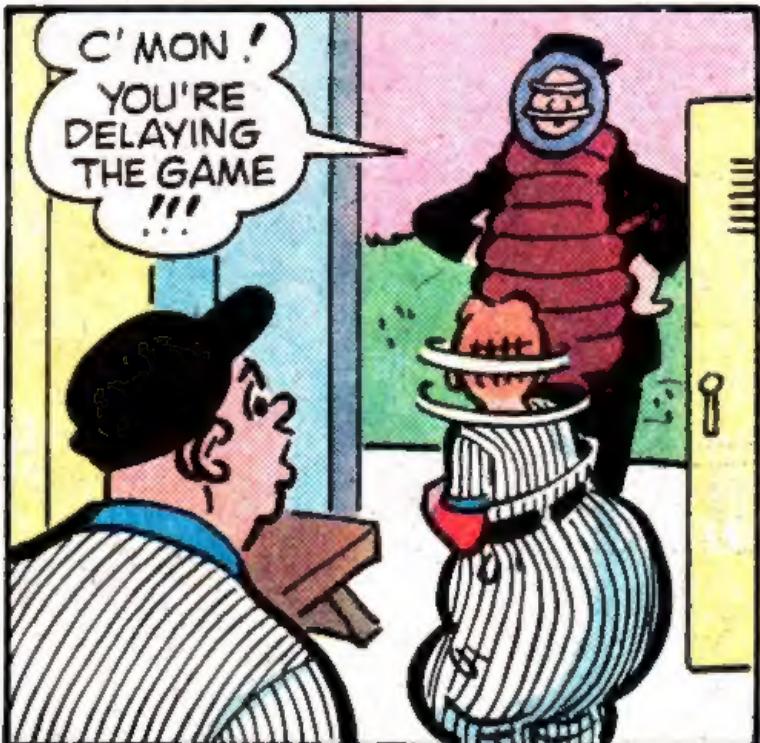
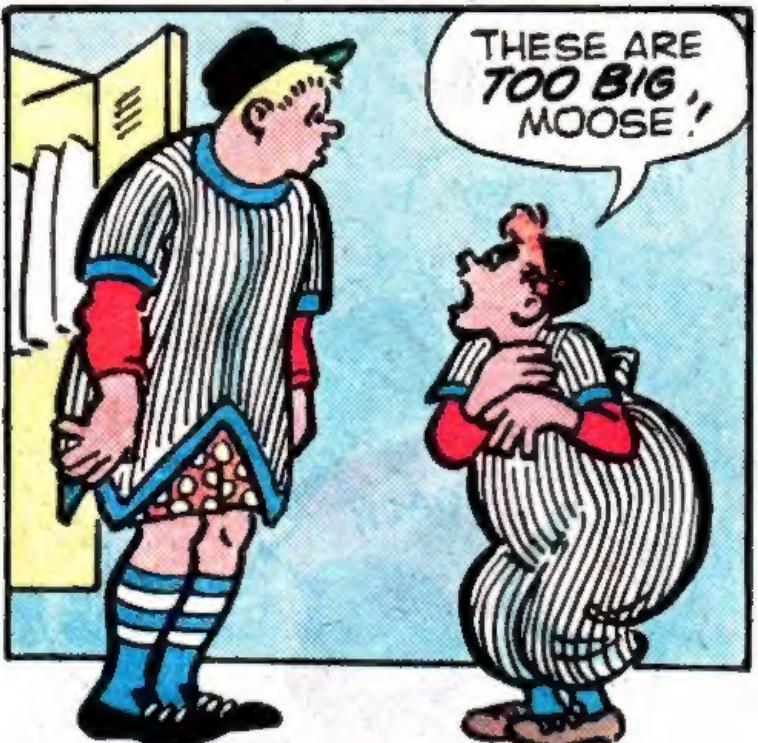
ARCHIE!!!



WELL,  
C'MON,  
ARCH!  
MOVE!!!

I'M  
STUCK!!!





**STRIKE  
TWO!**

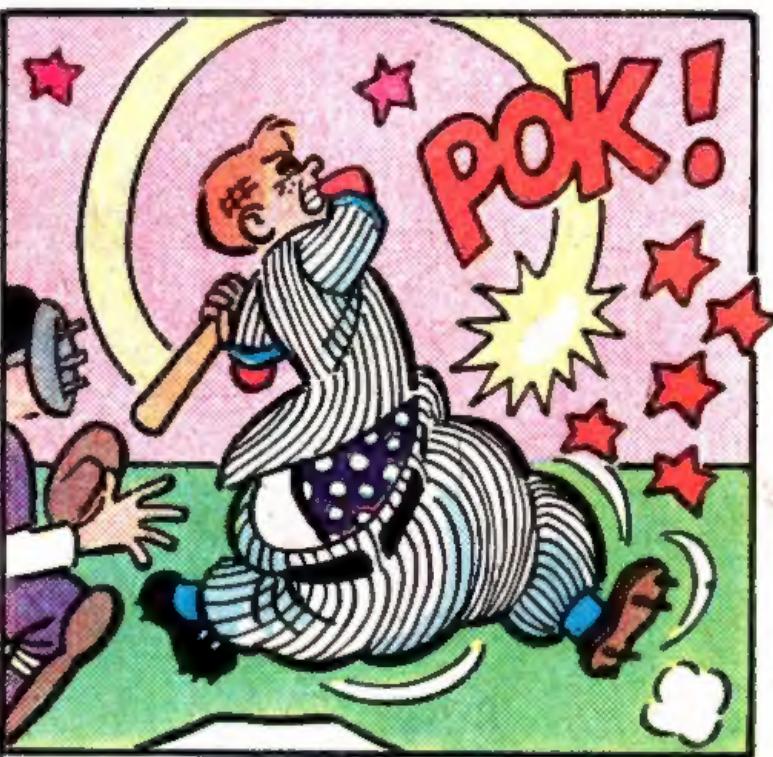


DON'T JUST  
STAND THERE,  
ARCHIE---

--SWING!



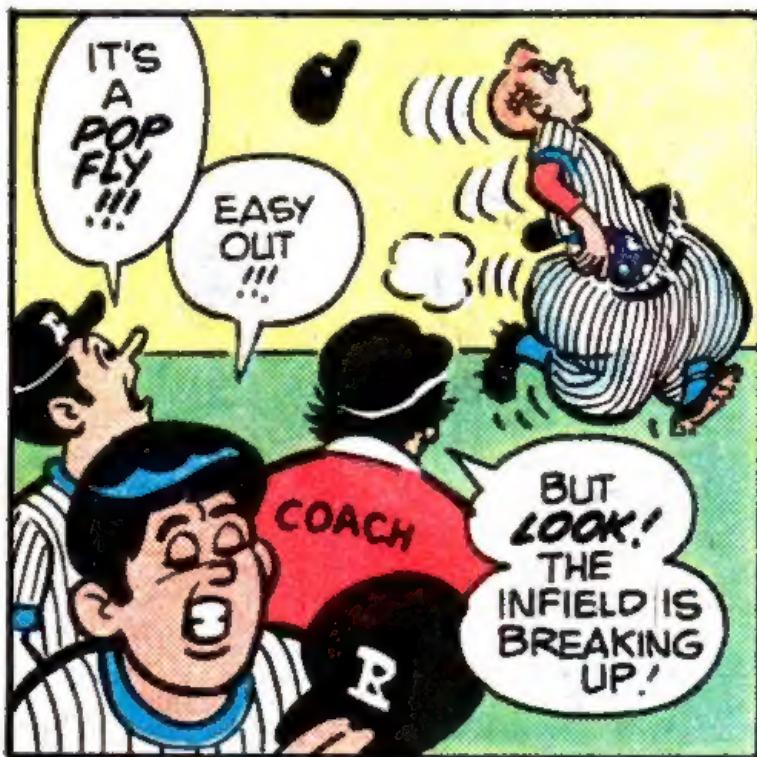
**POK!**



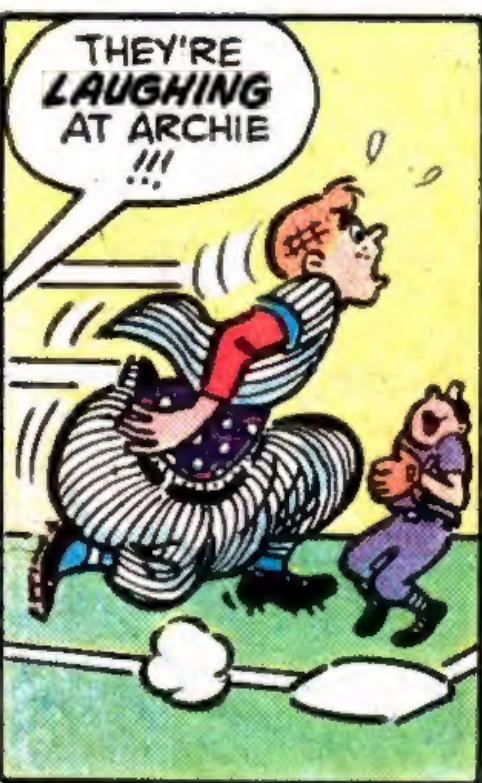
IT'S  
A  
POP  
FLY  
!!!

EASY  
OUT  
!!!

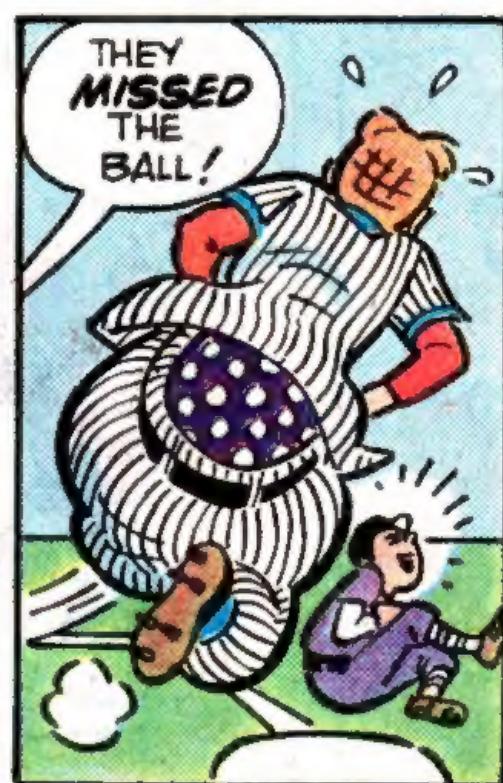
BUT  
LOOK!  
THE  
INFIELD IS  
BREAKING  
UP!



THEY'RE  
LAUGHING  
AT ARCHIE  
!!!



THEY  
MISSED  
THE  
BALL!



WE  
WON  
!!!



WE NEVER  
WON A GAME  
LIKE THIS BEFORE,  
ARCHIE!

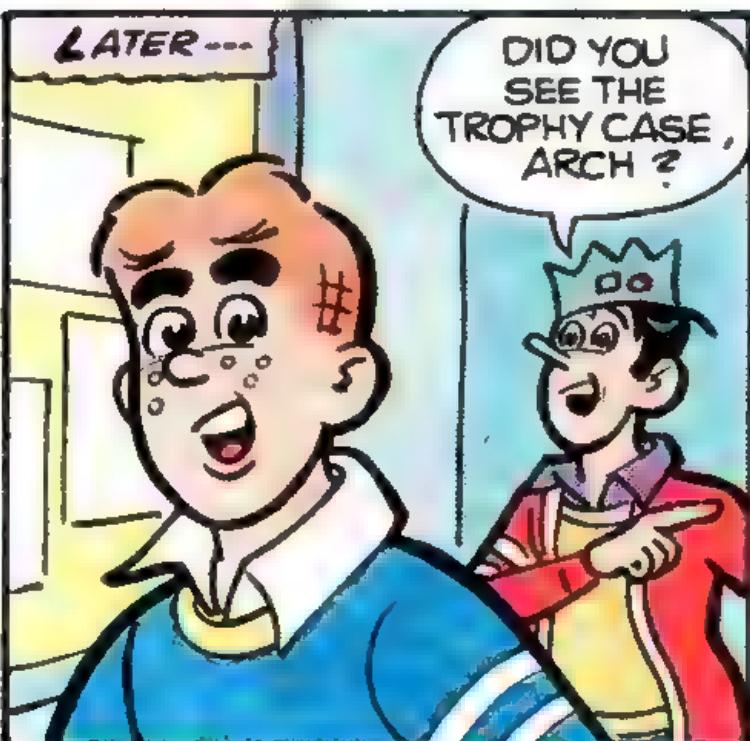
WE'RE  
GOING TO ADD  
A TROPHY IN  
YOUR HONOR  
!!!



LATER---

DID YOU  
SEE THE  
TROPHY CASE,  
ARCH?

REGGIE DOESN'T  
HAVE A MONOPOLY  
ANYMORE!



THIS IS  
RIDICULOUS  
!!!

I SHOULD  
NEVER HAVE  
AGREED TO A  
STUDENT-  
FACULTY  
GAME!

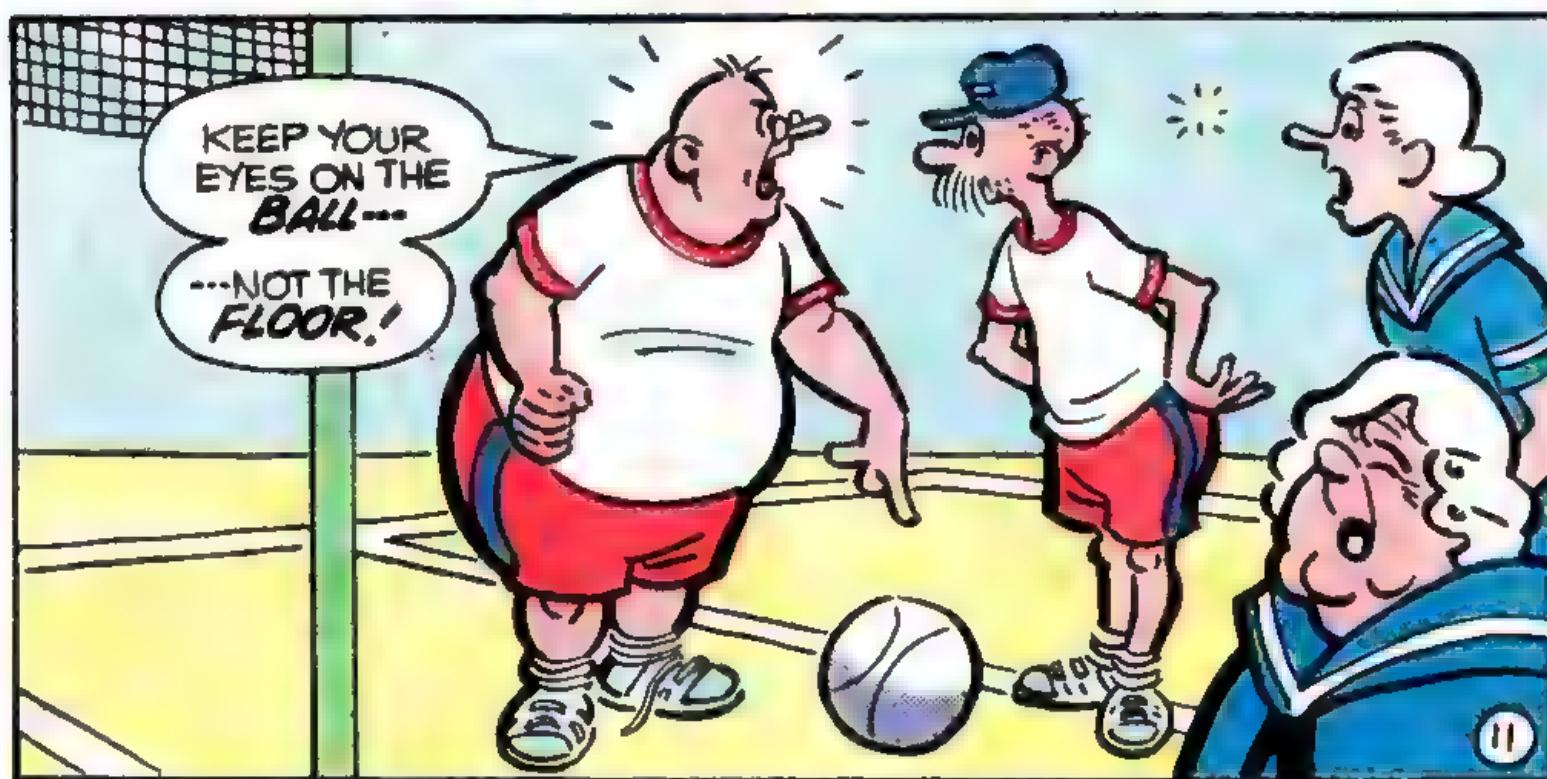
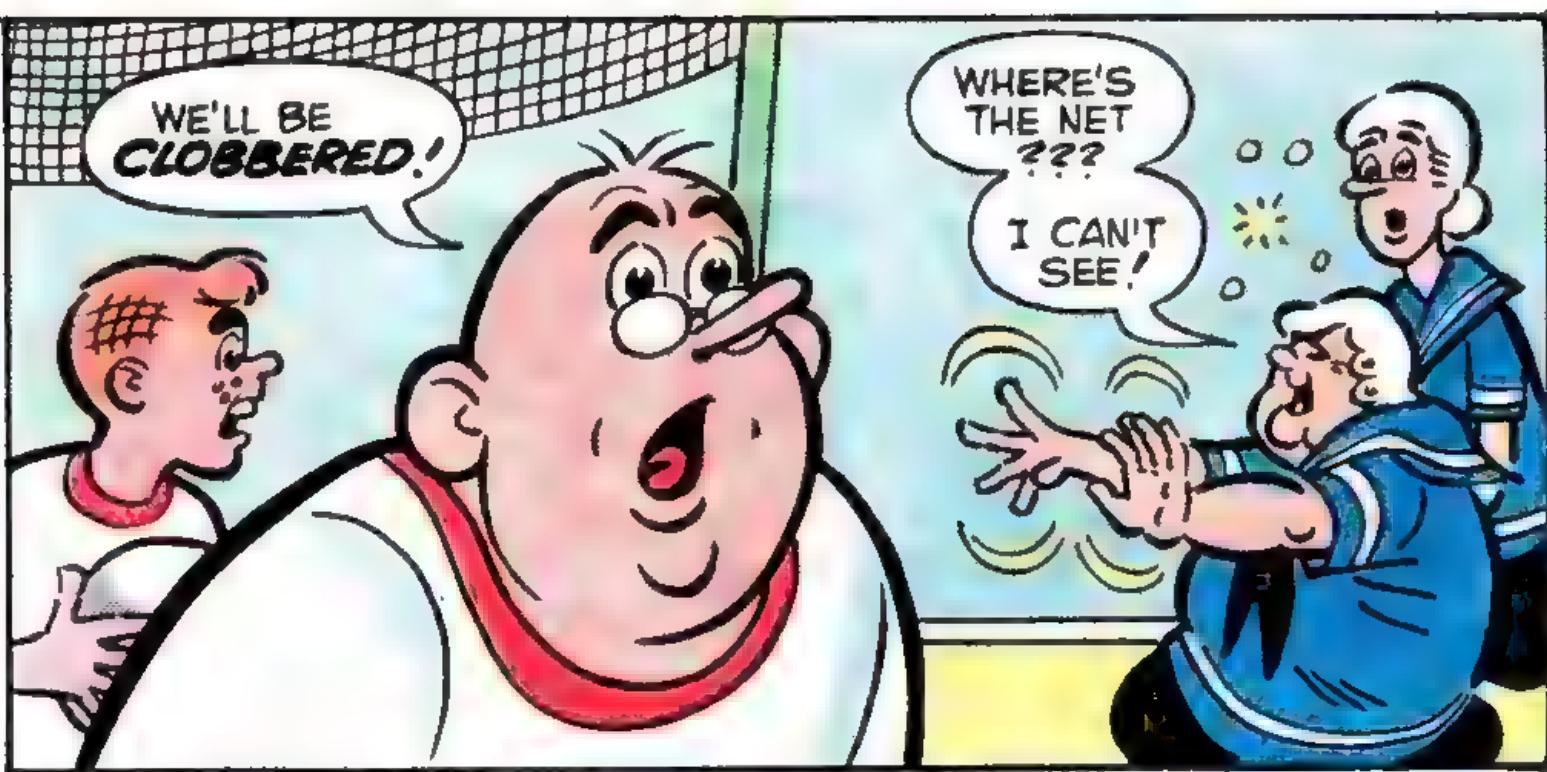
IT'S ONLY  
VOLLEYBALL, MR.  
WEATHERBEE!

IT'S ALSO  
HUMILIATING!

# GOOD OL' MR. WEATHERBEE

LOOK  
AT MY  
TEAM!

GASP  
!!!





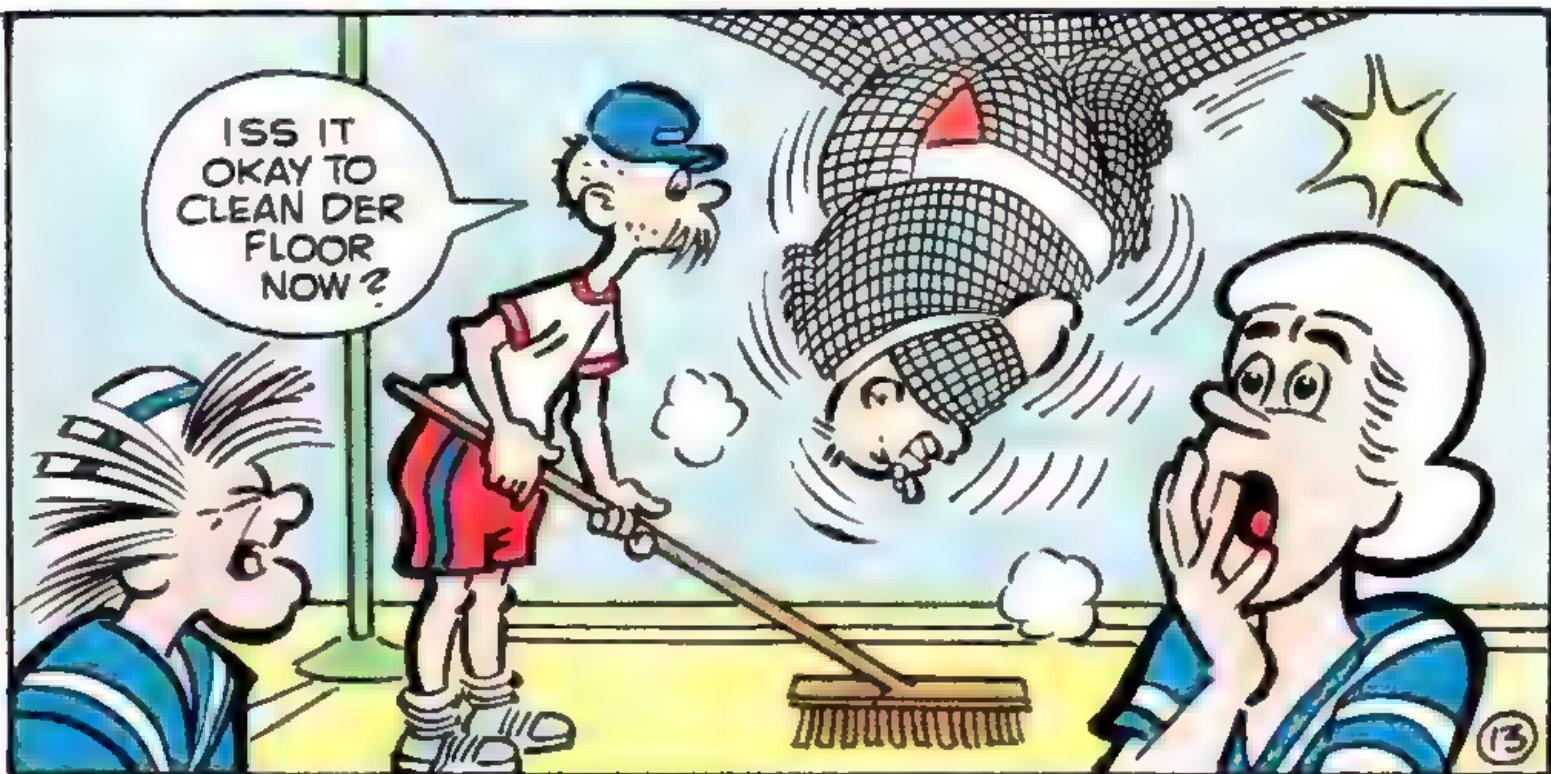
SVENSON,  
THIS IS NO  
TIME TO CLEAN  
THE FLOOR!

NOW, C'MON,  
TEAM!  
LET'S GET  
OUR ACT  
TOGETHER!

PLAY  
TO  
WIN  
!!!

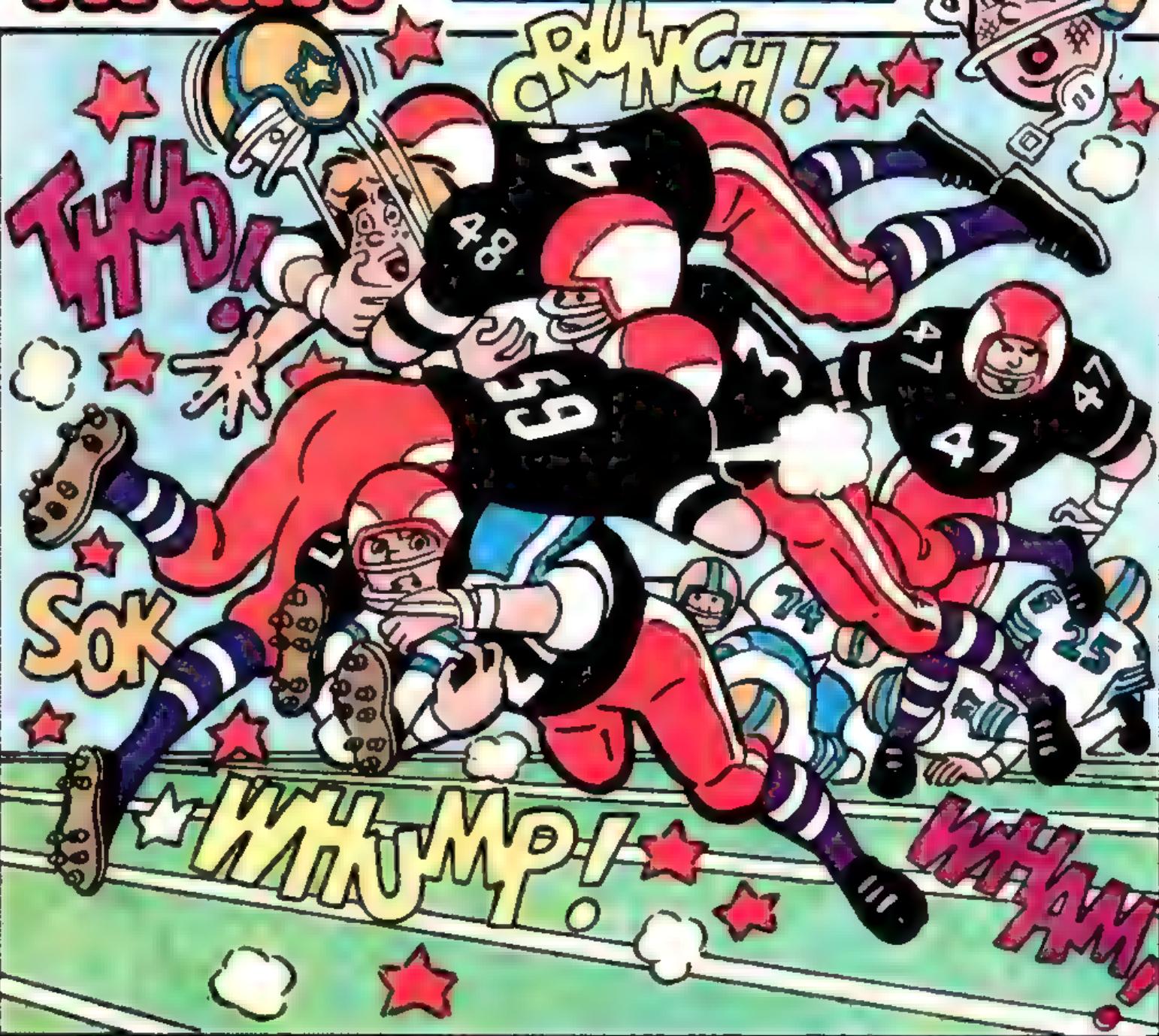
GIVE  
THAT  
SECOND  
EFFORT  
!!!

NEVER  
SAY  
DIE  
!!!



# Archie

TIME OUCH!



WE'LL  
GIVE ARCHIE  
THE BALL  
AGAIN!

YOU'RE  
KIDDING!!!





TIME OUGH ISN'T OVER YET!

# SPECIAL SECTION! WE GET



DEAR JUGHEAD:

I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE EAT THE WAY YOU DO! IS THERE ANY FOOD YOU DON'T LIKE?

BEN R.  
PHOENIX, ARIZ.

DEAR BEN:

I DIDN'T THINK I'D LIKE OCTOPUS, BUT IT REALLY GRABS YOU!

JUGHEAD

DEAR DILTON:

I NOTICE YOU READ A LOT OF BOOKS. HAVE YOU READ THE BIBLE? IF SO, WHAT WAS YOUR REACTION?

MELISSA R.  
MORAVIA, N.Y.

DEAR MELISSA:

FOR A LONG TIME, I HAD AN INTELLECTUAL BIAS WHICH LED ME TO PERCEIVE THE BIBLE AS AN ANCIENT FAIRY TALE.

HOWEVER, I HAVE RECENTLY GOT INTO THE BIBLE AND CHANGED MY MIND COMPLETELY!

I BELIEVE IT IS THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD AND SPEAKS THE TRUTH ABOUT LIFE!

DILTON

DEAR COACH KLEATS:

WHY DOESN'T RIVERDALE HIGH HAVE A SWIM TEAM?

GENE O.  
MALIBU, CAL.

DEAR BETTY:

I WISH ARCHIE WOULD WAKE UP AND SEE WHAT A DOLL YOU ARE! WHY IS THE GRASS ALWAYS GREENER ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE?

SANDY M.  
LINCOLN, NEB.

DEAR SANDY:

I GUESS WE'RE ALL LIKE ARCHIE, WE OFTEN MISS THE GOOD THINGS RIGHT UNDER OUR NOSES!

THAT'S WHY WE NEED A LIVING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS! HE HELPS US TO SEE THINGS AS THEY REALLY ARE!

BETTY

DEAR BIG MOOSE:

YOU NEVER SEEM TO COME UP WITH ANYTHING CLEVER TO SAY! DO YOU EVER GET ANY GOOD IDEAS?

KAY P.  
BUSBY, MONT

DEAR KAY:

D-UH, I'M THINKING--

BIG MOOSE

DEAR GENE:

BECAUSE ARCHIE CAN'T DROWN IN ANY OF OUR OTHER SPORTS!

COACH KLEATS!

DEAR PROF.  
FLUTESNOOT:

EVERY TIME ARCHIE WALKS INTO YOUR CHEMISTRY LAB, I KNOW THAT SOMETHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN!

WHAT'S IT LIKE TO HAVE ARCHIE IN YOUR CLASS?

JANIE H.  
BIRMINGHAM, ALA

DEAR JANIE:

WELL, MY NERVES ARE REALLY JANGLED! EVERY FORMULA ARCHIE MAKES EITHER BLOWS UP OR SMELLS LIKE ROTTEN EGGS! I'VE BEEN THINKING OF TEACHING A SAFER SUBJECT!

PROF. F.

DEAR MR.  
WEATHERBEE:

I REALLY FEEL FOR YOU! YOU'VE FACED A LOT OF PROBLEMS IN ALL YOUR YEARS AS PRINCIPAL OF RIVERDALE HIGH! I'M GLAD YOU DIDN'T QUIT!

PHIL D.  
JENISON, MICH

DEAR PHIL:

WHEN I STARTED YEARS AGO, MY BIGGEST PROBLEM WAS RUNNING IN THE HALLS! NOW IT'S DRUGS! THAT'S WHY I'M GLAD FOR ARCHIE AND GANG! THEY GET THEIR VALUES FROM GOD!

MR. W.

# SPECIAL SECTION! LETTERS!

DEAR REGGIE:

YOU'RE TOO MUCH! ALL YOU THINK OF IS YOURSELF AND HOW GREAT YOU ARE!

YOU NEVER SEEM TO CARE ABOUT OTHERS! DON'T YOU HAVE ANY SENSE OF TEAMWORK?

CLARICE S.  
ORLANDO, FL.

DEAR CLARICE:

I GUESS I DO COME ON PRETTY STRONG! BUT, LET'S FACE IT, I AM THE GREATEST! IF I EVER GET HUMBLE, I'LL BE SURE TO LET YOU KNOW! REGGIE

DEAR MISS BEAZLY:

I NEVER TASTED YOUR COOKING! IS IT AS BAD AS EVERYONE SAYS IT IS?

MABEL S.  
AMARILLO, TEX

DEAR MABEL:

OF COURSE NOT! I PUT MY HEART INTO MY COOKING AND IT REALLY HURTS WHEN FOLKS TURN UP THEIR NOSES! MAYBE YOU COULD SEND ME SOME RECIPES!

MISS BEAZLY

DEAR READER:

I DIDN'T GET ANY LETTERS AT ALL!!!

MR. SVENSEN

DEAR MISS GRUNDY:

YOU ALWAYS STAY COOL, EVEN WHEN MR. WEATHERBEE BLOWS HIS TOP! HOW DO YOU DO IT? KRISTEN R.  
TORONTO, ONTARIO

DEAR KRISTEN:

I COULDN'T DO IT ALONE! MY LORD JESUS IS VERY REAL TO ME AND HE KEEPS MY EMOTIONS UNDER CONTROL! OTHERWISE ARCHIE WOULD PROBABLY DRIVE ME UP THE WALL!

MISS GRUNDY

DEAR VERONICA:

YOU HAVE ALL THE THINGS EVERYONE DREAMS ABOUT, BUT YOU REALLY DON'T SEEM HAPPY! BETTY HAS A LOT MORE JOY AND LOVE THAN YOU. DO YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN?

OTTO B.  
BISMARCK, N.D.

DEAR OTTO:

I THOUGHT I WAS HAVING FUN, FILLING MY LIFE WITH ALL THE THINGS MONEY CAN BUY, BUT MY FRIEND BETTY IS RIGHT! ONLY GOD CAN FILL A LIFE WITH TRUE JOY!

VERONICA

DEAR ARCHIE:

I'M A LOT LIKE YOU! I DON'T LOOK FOR TROUBLE, BUT IT ALWAYS SEEMS TO FIND ME. IN THE COMICS IT'S FUNNY, BUT IN REAL LIFE IT HURTS!

HOW DO YOU FEEL DEEP DOWN INSIDE WHEN YOU MESS UP SO MUCH?

RAY T.  
GRAND RAPIDS, MI.

DEAR RAY:

I FEEL THE SAME WAY YOU DO! NO ONE WANTS TO MAKE A MISTAKE AND HAVE PEOPLE MOCK YOU OUT!

IT'S DIFFERENT WITH JESUS! HE FORGIVES OUR MISTAKES WHEN WE'RE SORRY AND HE LIFTS US UP WHEN WE'RE DOWN! ARCHIE

DEAR BIG ETHEL:

DON'T LET ANYONE CALL YOU UGLY! GOD MADE YOU AND HE DON'T MAKE NO JUNK! YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL!

NICK T.  
BRONX, N.Y.

DEAR NICK:

YOU REALLY MADE MY DAY!

BIG ETHEL

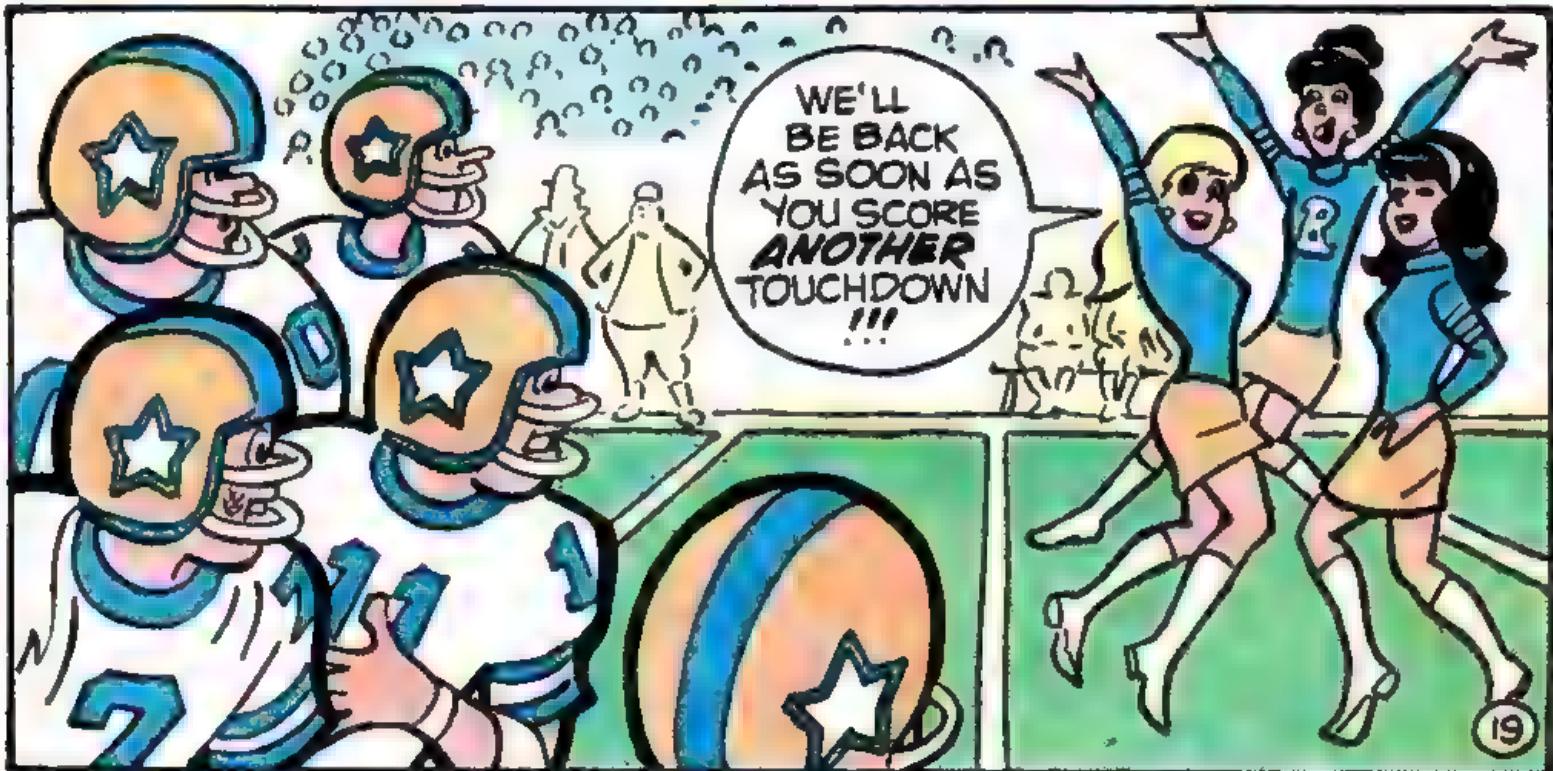
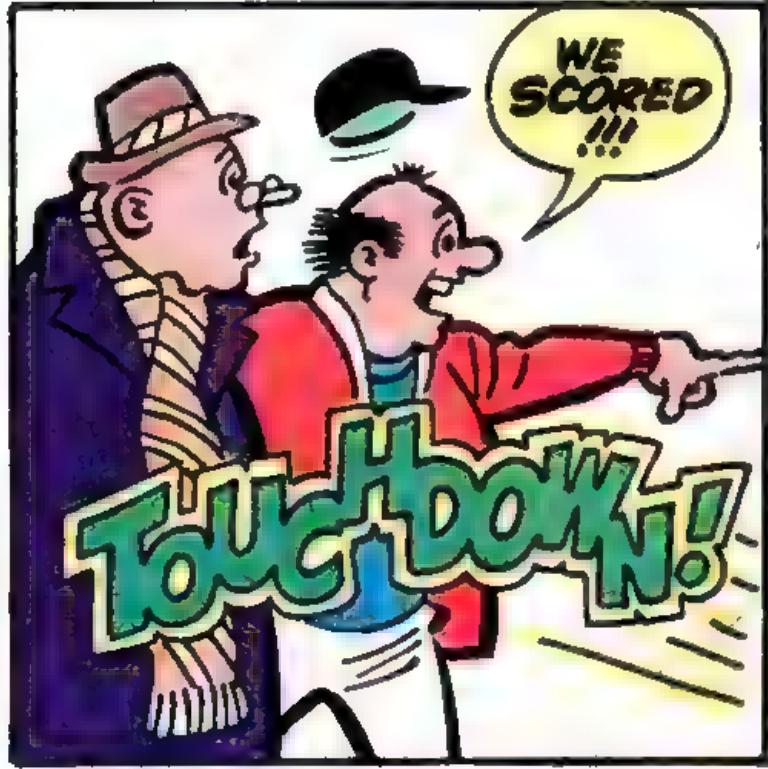
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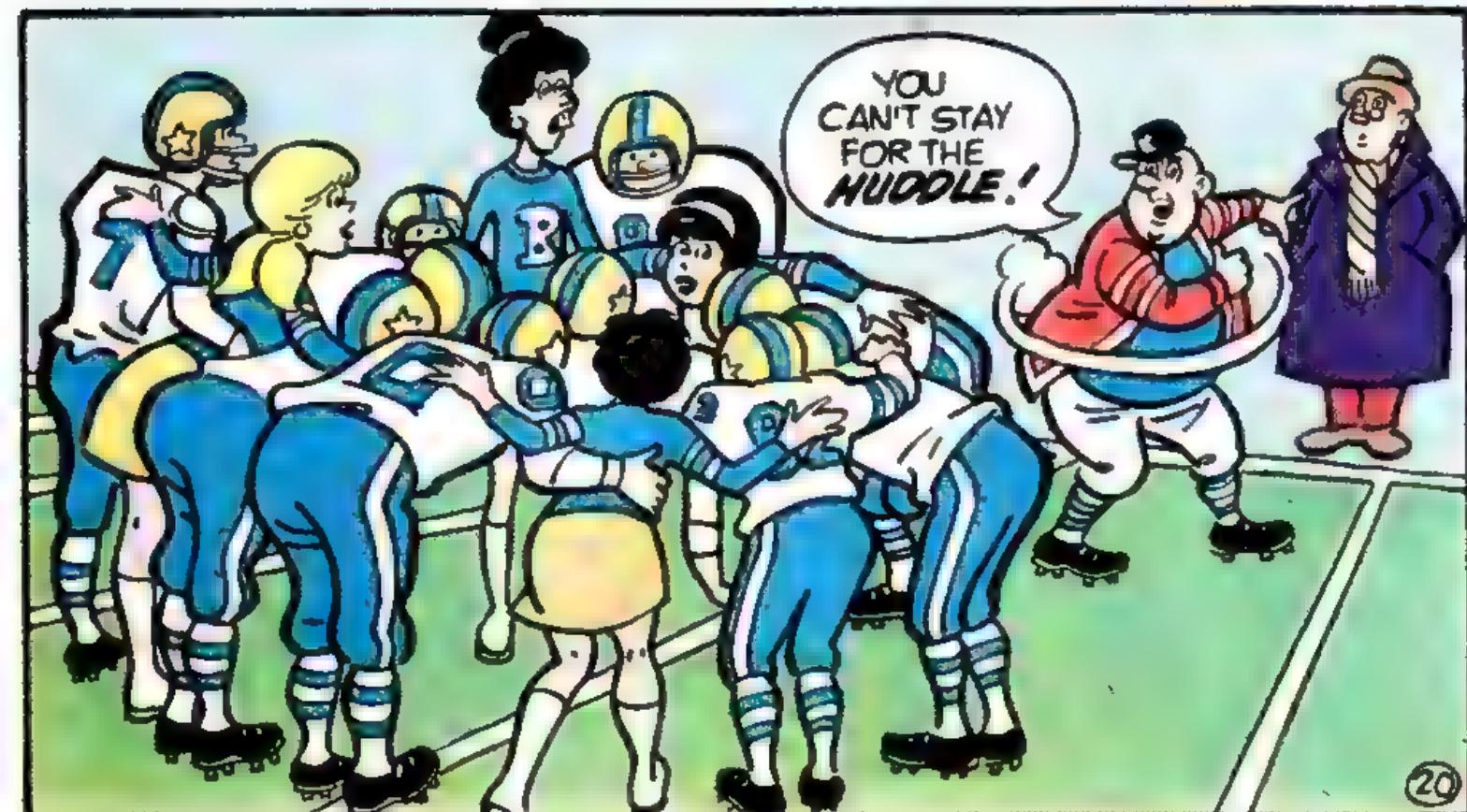
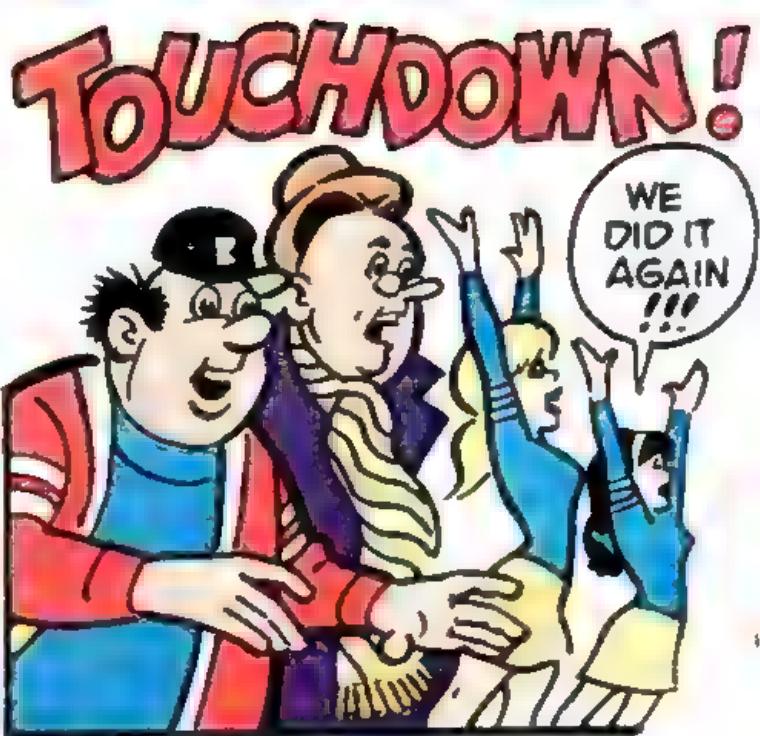
I DIDN'T GET ANY LETTERS EITHER!

MISS HAGGLY



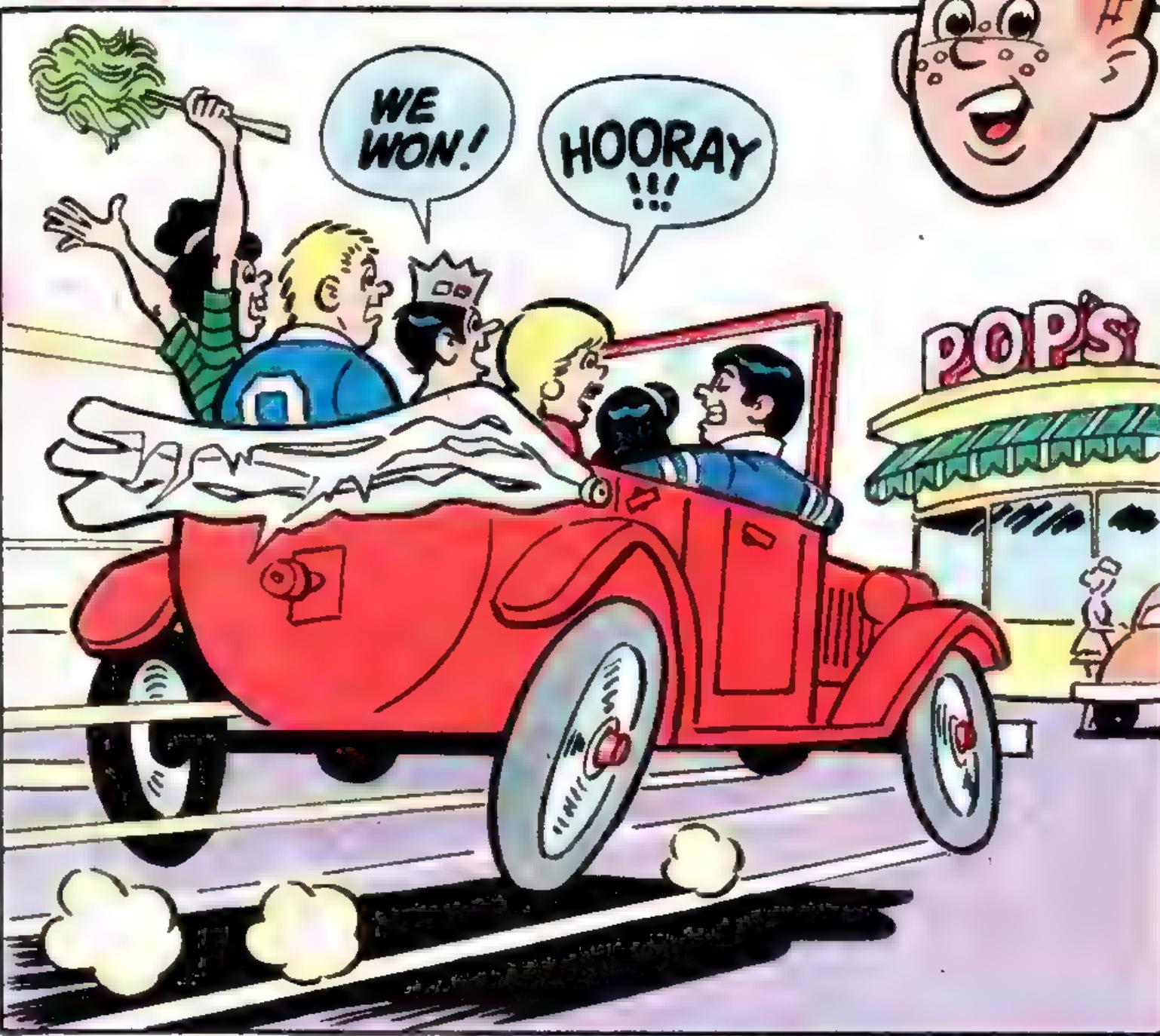






# Archie

THE WINNERS!



YOU CAN PUT JUNK ON YOUR HAMBURGER...

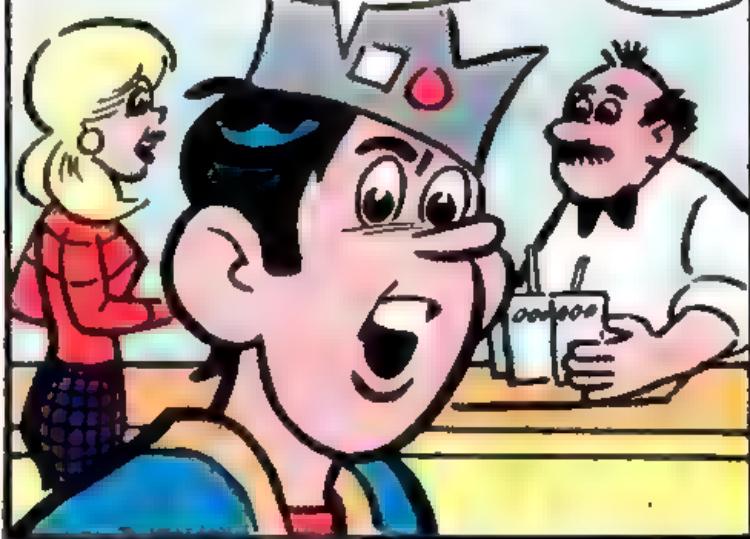
...BUT DON'T SPOIL OUR VICTORY!



WELL, IT'S TRUE !!!

IF WINNING IS ALL THAT COUNTS, YOU CAN BE A HERO ONE WEEK...

...AND A BUM THE NEXT!



I THINK IT'S MORE IMPORTANT HOW YOU PLAY THE GAME!



SOME PLAYERS WIN BY CHEATING!

WHAT KIND OF VICTORY IS THAT?



I GUESS IT DEPENDS ON THE SCORE - KEEPER !!!



IF YOU PLAY GOD'S WAY YOU'LL BE A WINNER !!!





WHEN I JOG,  
I THANK HIM  
FOR THE AIR  
I BREATHE!

WHEN I  
EAT, I THANK  
GOD FOR MY  
FOOD!

I THANK HIM  
FOR MY HEALTHY  
BODY!

AND A  
HEALTHY MIND  
AND SPIRIT!

I THANK HIM  
FOR FRIENDS WHO  
CARE FOR ME!

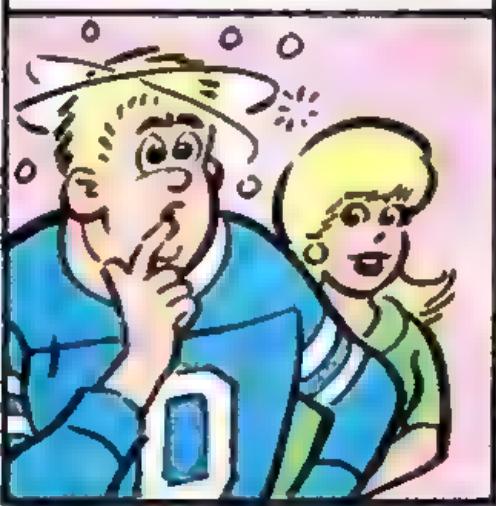
WHEN I'M HURT, GOD COMFORTS ME!



WHEN I'M SICK, HE RESTORES MY HEALTH!



HE GIVES ME PATIENCE!



HE HELPS ME TO BE KIND!



HE PREVENTS JEALOUSY!



HE PREVENTS ANGER!



HE IS ALWAYS WITH ME!



HE GIVES ME LOVE AND JOY!



DID YOU KNOW THAT BETTY IS GOING STEADY WITH JESUS?



# Archie

## THE GAME PLAN!



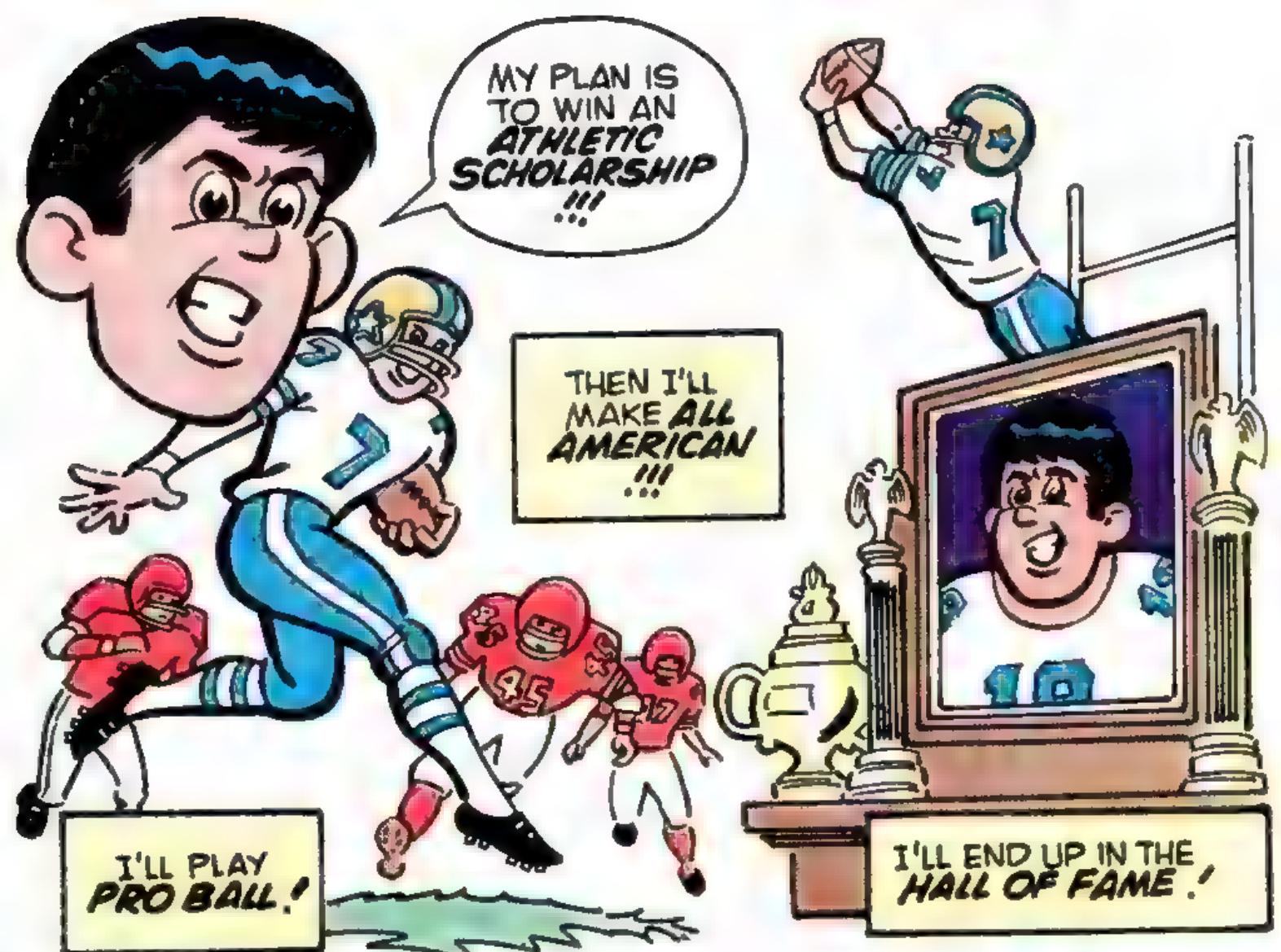
WE CAN'T  
WIN WITHOUT  
A GAME  
PLAN!

THIS  
IS MY  
GAME  
PLAN!

EVERYBODY  
SHOULD HAVE A  
GAME PLAN FOR  
THEIR LIFE!

WHAT'S YOUR  
GAME PLAN,  
JUG?

AFTER  
GRADUATION,  
I'LL OPEN A  
RESTAURANT  
AND CREATE  
DELICIOUS  
FOOD!

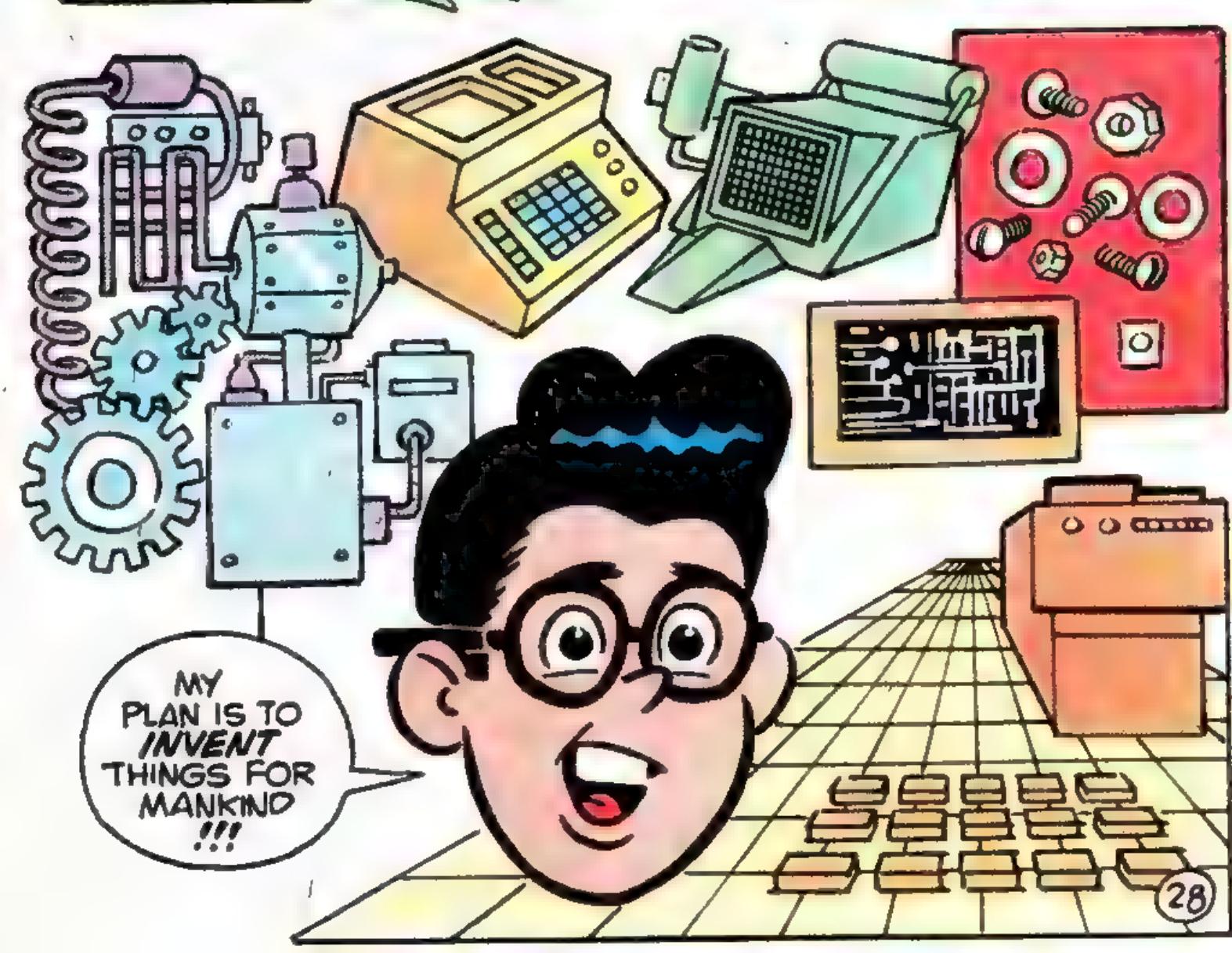


MY PLAN IS  
TO WIN AN  
**ATHLETIC  
SCHOLARSHIP**  
!!!

THEN I'LL  
MAKE ALL  
**AMERICAN**  
!!!

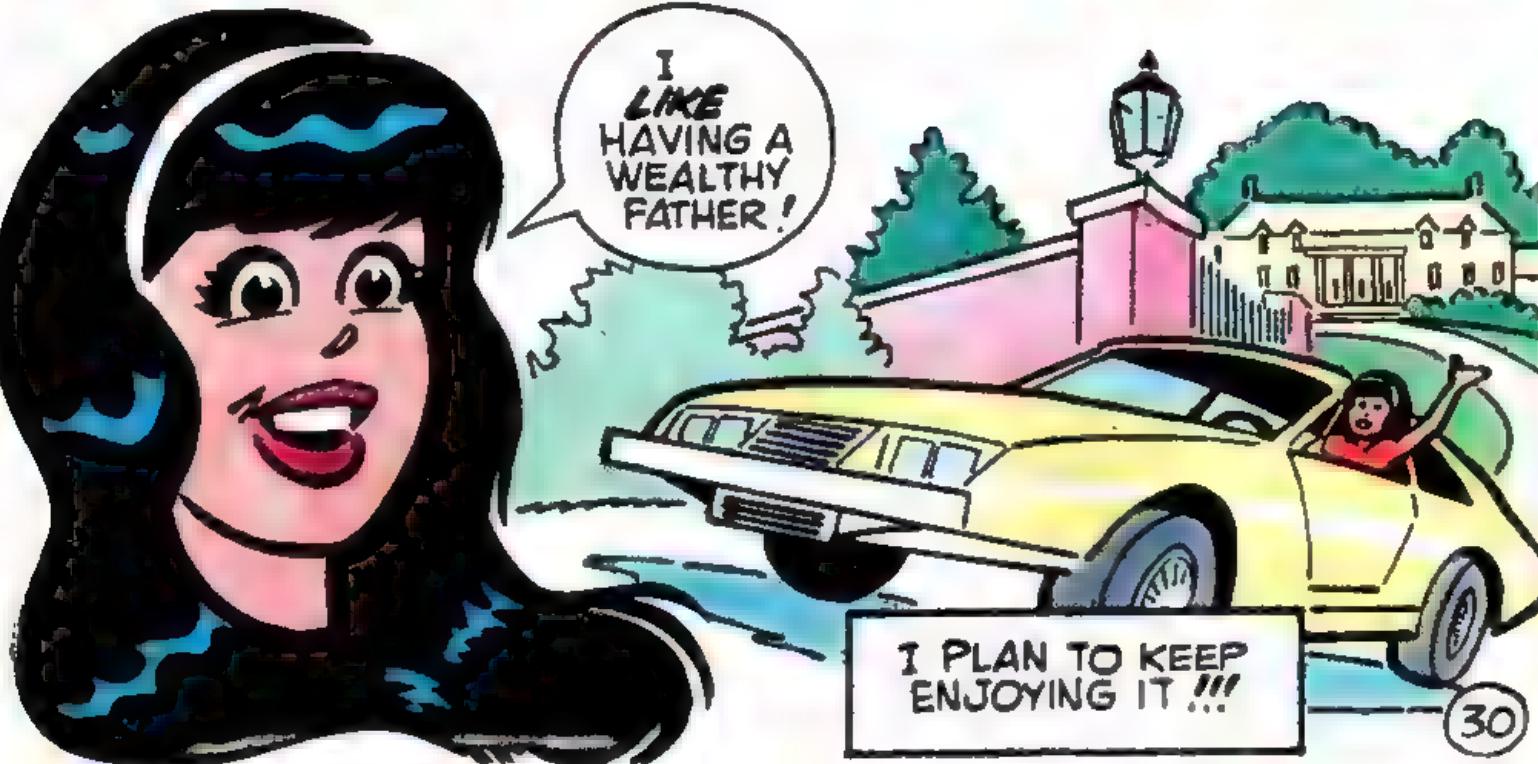
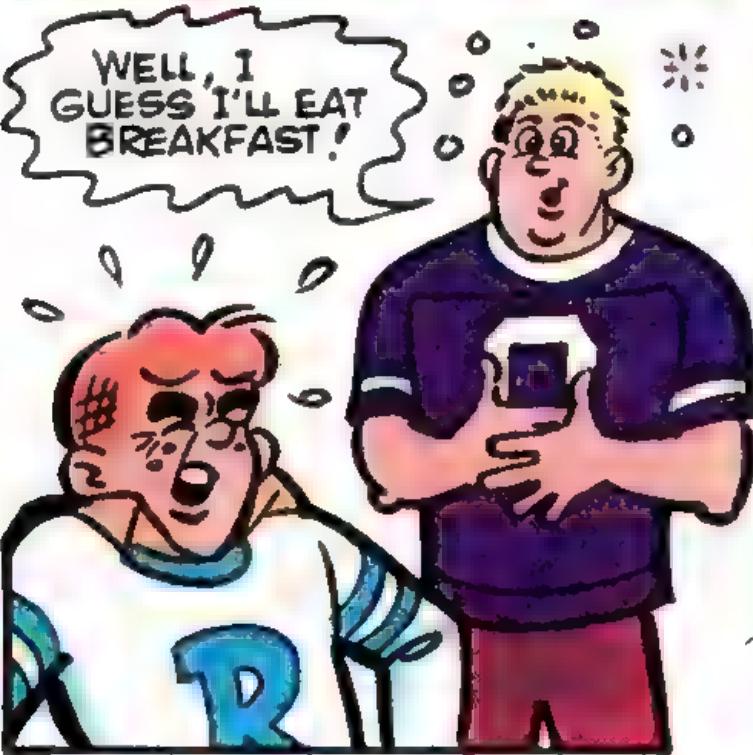
I'LL PLAY  
**PRO BALL!** !

I'LL END UP IN THE  
**HALL OF FAME** !



MY  
PLAN IS TO  
**INVENT**  
THINGS FOR  
MANKIND  
!!!

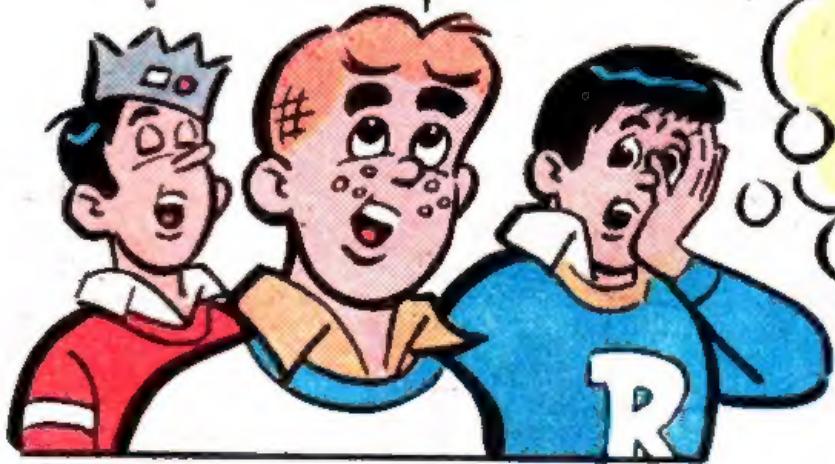




WHAT  
ABOUT  
YOU,  
ARCH  
???

WELL,  
MAYBE  
I'LL BE AN  
ARCHITECT  
!!!

AN  
ARCHITECT  
???



OR  
MAYBE AN  
AIRLINE  
PILOT!

A  
PILOT  
???



BONK!  
WHAP!  
THUD!

MAYBE A  
DOCTOR  
!!!

A  
DOCTOR  
???



THERE  
ARE **LOTS** OF  
GAME PLANS  
WE CAN  
CHOOSE!

BUT,  
THERE'S ONLY  
**ONE WAY**  
TO BE A  
**WINNER**  
!!!

# JESUS

WE'VE GOT  
**GOD'S**  
GAME  
PLAN  
!!!

Lee Hartley

**GOD'S GAME PLAN FOR YOU!**

# THE BEST FOR YOU!

SPIRE

SPIRE

YOU AND I SHARE A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP THROUGH SPIRE COMICS! WE ENJOY ALL THE THINGS THAT MAKE COMICS EXCITING... PLUS THE EXTRAS THAT FILL THE SPIRE SERIES... PRAYER, FAITH AND A REAL DESIRE TO SEEK GOD'S BEST FOR OUR LIVES!

WE TAKE A SLICE OF LIFE IN EACH ISSUE AND PUT IT ALONGSIDE GOD'S WORD, AND WE SEE HOW PERFECTLY THE BIBLE FITS OUR LIVES!



## GOD LOVES YOU! HE WANTS THE BEST FOR YOU!

- GOD CREATED YOU AND GAVE YOU **FREEDOM OF CHOICE!**
- YOU'RE FREE TO ACCEPT GOD'S LOVE, OR **REJECT IT!**
- ACCEPTING GOD'S LOVE BRINGS JOY, PEACE AND ETERNAL LIFE!
- REJECTING GOD'S LOVE BRINGS TROUBLE AND CONFLICT!
- GOD KNOWS ALL ABOUT YOUR LIFE STYLE AND YOUR MISTAKES!
- GOD SENT JESUS TO FORGIVE YOU AND TAKE AWAY YOUR GUILT!
- JESUS MAKES YOU THE KIND OF PERSON GOD KNOWS YOU CAN BE!

### GOD'S PROMISE :

"WHEN JESUS COMES INTO YOUR LIFE, YOU BECOME A BRAND-NEW PERSON! EVERYTHING CHANGES FOR THE BETTER! A NEW LIFE BEGINS!"

SEE 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17



YOU  
CAN PRAY  
THIS PRAYER  
RIGHT NOW...  
AND KNOW  
HOW MUCH  
GOD WANTS TO  
BLESS YOU!

GOD, I WANT YOUR  
LOVE AND FORGIVENESS!  
(CONFESS YOUR SINS TO GOD)  
PLEASE HELP ME TO LET  
JESUS BECOME MY LORD  
AND SAVIOUR! I WANT  
YOUR BEST FOR MY  
LIFE. AMEN

YOU'LL FIND IT HELPFUL TO READ THE  
BIBLE EVERY DAY!\* WHEN YOU PRAY,  
GIVE GOD A CHANCE TO SPEAK TO YOU!  
ATTEND CHURCH AND JOIN A BIBLE-  
STUDY GROUP. THE MORE YOU KNOW  
ABOUT GOD'S PROMISES, THE MORE  
YOU'LL KNOW HIS BEST FOR YOUR LIFE!

Trust God  
and He will  
bless you!

as  
Hartley

\* START BY READING THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

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ENJOY THEM ALL!

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